Implementation of Assam Accord

1441. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the implementation status of various clauses of Assam Accord;

(b) the major hurdle in the time bound implementation of Assam Accord, specially the vital clauses relating to identification, defranchisement and deportation of foreigners;

(c) the steps taken to overcome that obstacle;

(d) the sector-wise length of Indo-Bangladesh Border along NE States and Sector-wise length already sealed by fencing; and

(e) the sector-wise number of rivers and number of patrolling boats deployed in each river?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The identification/interception/apprehension, defranchisement and deportation of foreigners is an on-going process. For this purpose 11 Tribunals under Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 and 16 Illegal Migrant Tribunals have been constituted in the State of Assam.

(d) The details of sector-wise length of Indo-Bangladesh border and border fenced as follows:—

(in Kms.)

Sector	Length of Indo-Bangladesh border	Fence Sanctioned/ completed as on 31.10.99
Assam	262.00	152.30/140.00
West Bengal	2216.70	507.00/482.44
Meghalaya	443.00	198.06/198.06
Mizoram	318.00	—/—
Tripura	856.00	—/—
TOTAL	4095.70	857.36/820.50

(e) Patrolling boats are deployed on the basis of 945 details are as follows:—

Name of frontiers	No. of Rivers/ Nallahs	No. of patrolling boats/crafts
1. Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland (AMM&N)	32	61
2. Tripura, Cachar and Mizoram (TC&M)	3	20
3. South Bengal	13	48
4. North Bengal	5	17

Statement

The Government of India is fully committed to the Implementation of the Assam Accord, 1985. Various measures have been taken in this regard. These include, inter alia, the following

FOREIGNER'S ISSUE:

(1) The Citizenship Act, 1955, Citizenship Rules, 1956 and the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, were amended.

(2) Eleven Tribunals under the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 have been created in Assam for identifying foreigners of 1966—71 stream. 22,861 persons declared as foreigners by the Tribunals till 30.9.99.

(3) Special Registration Officers have been appointed. Sanction was also accorded for the creation of 1280 additional posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme.

(4) Sixteen Tribunals under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 have been created in Assam. 9,867 persons have been declared as Illegal Migrants till 30.9.99.

(5) Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 was amended in 1988.

SAFEGUARDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

(6) A cultural centre called the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalashetra Complex, was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 18.85 crores under Assam Accord. The same was inaugurated by Hon'ble President of India in November 1998.

(7) Sri Jyoti Chitraban (Film) Studio at Guwahati has been modernised and inaugurated by the Chief Minister, Assam in April 1999.

(8) Numaligarh Refinery was set up at a cost of nearly Rs. 2,500 crores and inaugurated by the Prime Minister in July 1999.

(9) Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur, and the other at Silchar, have been set up.

(10) An IIT has been set up at Guwahati. The first convocation of IIT Guwahati took place in May 1999.

(11) Kathalguri Power Project (60 MW) has been commissioned.

(12) Various other economic development programme have been undertaken in furtherance of PM's initiative of 1996.

OTHER ISSUES:

(13) The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.

(14) Border fencing of 140 Kms out of 152.3 Kms sanctioned has been completed on Assam-Bangladesh border. 120 Kms of border roads have been completed.

(15) Ex-gratia payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.

(16) Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.

(17) In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum of six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.

(18) NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.